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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-14 and 16 are pending. Claims 4, 6, and 8 were amended to overcome the Section 112 rejections.

Claims 4 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the term "adjusting" was indicated to lack antecedent basis. The claims have been amended to recite "increasing," which finds antecedent basis in the independent claims from which they depend. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 1-14 and 16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,999. Claims 1-14 and 16 also were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,889. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over these United States patents. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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